

oil under U.N. auspices to fund the provision of food, medicine, and other humanitarian supplies to the people of Iraq. Under the U.N. resolutions, the equitable distribution within Iraq of this assistance would be supervised and monitored by the United Nations. The Iraqi regime so far has refused to accept these resolutions and has thereby chosen to perpetuate the suffering of its civilian population. In October 1993, the Iraqi government informed the United Nations that it would not implement Resolutions 706 and 712.

The policies and actions of the Saddam Hussein regime continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States, as well as to regional peace and security. Because of Iraq's failure to comply fully with United Nations Security Council resolutions, the United States will continue to apply economic sanctions to deter Iraq from threatening peace and stability in the region, and I will continue to report periodically to the Congress on significant developments, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(c).

**William J. Clinton**

The White House,  
March 3, 1994.

### **Statement on Presentation of the Presidential Medal of Freedom to William H. Natcher**

*March 4, 1994*

Congressman Natcher has served the people of Kentucky and this Nation with distinction since 1941. He is revered by friends and opponents alike, and I can think of no person who deserves our recognition more. He represents the model of leadership to which we should all strive.

NOTE: The President traveled to Bethesda Naval Hospital, Bethesda, MD, where he presented Representative Natcher with the medal. This statement was part of a White House press release announcing the award.

### **Statement on Disaster Assistance to Alabama**

*March 3, 1994*

My heart goes out to the people of the South who have suffered from these recent storms. I know how difficult this winter has been, and I am confident that FEMA Director James Lee Witt will do all he can to assist the people of Alabama, and those throughout the rest of the South, to recover from these damaging storms.

NOTE: This statement was part of a White House press release on announcing disaster assistance to Alabama for winter storms beginning on January 14 and continuing through February 14.

### **Nomination for Ambassador to Cambodia**

*March 3, 1994*

The President today nominated Charles H. Twining of Maryland as the Ambassador to Cambodia with the rank of Minister-Counselor.

"Charles Twining is a talented professional who has focused a good part of his career on efforts in Cambodia," the President said. "I am confident that he will represent our interests well in that country."

NOTE: A biography by the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

### **Proclamation 6655—To Amend the Generalized System of Preferences**

*March 3, 1994*

*By the President of the United States of America*

#### **A Proclamation**

1. Pursuant to sections 501 and 502 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended ("Trade Act") (19 U.S.C. 2461 and 2462), and having due regard for the eligibility criteria set forth therein, I have determined that it is appropriate to designate Ukraine as a beneficiary developing country for purposes of the Generalized System of Preferences ("GSP").

2. Section 604 of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2483) authorizes the President to embody in

the Harmonized Tariff Schedule ("HTS") the substance of the provisions of that Act, and of other acts affecting import treatment, and actions thereunder.

**Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton,** President of the United States of America, acting under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including but not limited to sections 501 and 604 of the Trade Act, do proclaim that:

(1) General note 4(a) to the HTS, listing those countries whose products are eligible for benefits of the GSP, is modified by inserting "Ukraine" in alphabetical order in the enumeration of independent countries.

(2) Any provisions of previous proclamations and Executive orders inconsistent with the provisions of this proclamation are hereby superseded to the extent of such inconsistency.

(3) The modifications to the HTS made by paragraph (1) of this proclamation shall be effective with respect to articles that are: (i) imported on or after January 1, 1976, and (ii) entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 15 days after the date of publication of this proclamation in the *Federal Register*.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand this third day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eighteenth.

**William J. Clinton**

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NOTE: This proclamation was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on March 4, and it will be published in the *Federal Register* on March 8.

### **Message to the Congress on Trade With Ukraine**

*March 3, 1994*

*To the Congress of the United States:*

I am writing to inform you of my intent to add Ukraine to the list of beneficiary developing countries under the Generalized

System of Preferences (GSP). The GSP program offers duty-free access to the U.S. market and is authorized by the Trade Act of 1974.

I have carefully considered the criteria identified in sections 501 and 502 of the Trade Act of 1974. In light of these criteria, and particularly Ukraine's level of development and initiation of economic reforms, I have determined that it is appropriate to extend GSP benefits to Ukraine.

This notice is submitted in accordance with section 502(a)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974.

**William J. Clinton**

The White House,  
March 3, 1994.

NOTE: This message was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on March 4.

### **Exchange With Reporters Prior to Discussions With President Leonid Kravchuk of Ukraine**

*March 4, 1994*

**Q.** Mr. President, do you think Mr. Nussbaum should resign?

**The President.** I'm here with President Kravchuk to discuss a lot of very important issues. I have nothing to add to what I said yesterday. If I have anything else to say, it will be later today. I have nothing to say.

**Q.** —they'll follow through on the dismantling of the nuclear warheads?

**The President.** Yes, I think they will do exactly what they said they'd do. President Kravchuk has had a good deal of success working with his Rada to secure approval of a continued denuclearization of Ukraine, and we will have some things to discuss about that today and some further announcements at our public statement in a couple of hours—we'll have some more to say about it.

**Q.** —sign the nonproliferation treaty, Mr. President?

**The President.** I hope they will, and I think they're working toward that.

[At this point, one group of reporters left the room, and another group entered.]